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SUBJECT: GOC LEAKS GALINDO-POHL REMARKS ON DENKTASH'S VAROSHA
PROPOSAL

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1. AFTER MEETING WITH YNSYG SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
(SRSG) GALINDO-POHL JULY 28, GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION
OFFICE (PIO) ISSUED STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU
IN WHICH HE CALLED TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS ON
FAMAGUSTA "COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE" AND SAID HE HAD
NO OPTION BUT TO REJECT THEM. KYPRIANOU REPEATED GREEK
CYPRIOT POSITION THAT ALL OF FAMAGUSTA MUST BE RETURNED,
INCLUDING SURROUNDING CULTIVABLE LAND, ORANGE GROVES,
HOTELS, FACTORIES, AND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

2. IN ADDITION TO ISSUING PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT PIO
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LEAKED TO PRESS AN UNATTRIBUTED CRITIQUE OF DENKTASH'S
OFFER, DETAILS OF WHICH COULD ONLY HAVE COME FROM
GALINDO-POHL'S BRIEFING OF KYPRIANOU ON DENKTASH'S
CLARIFICATION FO VAROSHA OFFER (REF A). CRITIQUE
WAS WIDELY REPORTED IN WEEKEND PRESS (WHICH CITED ONLY
"AUTHORITATIVE SOURCES") AND INCLUDED ALL BASIC POINTS
OF DENKTASH'S RESPONSES TO GALINDO-POHL'S QUESTIONS ON

VAROSHA OFFER: MAKARIOS-DENKTASH AGREEMENTS SUPERCEDE UN RESOLUTIONS; TURKISH SIDE WILL INSIST ON KEEPING CONTROL OF VAROSHA IN CASE TALKS COLLAPSE; ONLY AREA UNDER CONSIDERATION IS THAT BOUNDED BY DEMOKRATIA ND DHERINIA AVENUES; UN ROLE IN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION WILL BE LIMITED TO MUNICIPAL SERVICES; TURKISH CYPRIOT SECURITY FORCES WILL BE INVOLVED IN CHECK POINT CONTROLLING ACCESS TO VAROSHA.

3. WE WERE SURPRISED THAT SRSG WOULD HAVE GIVEN SUCH DETAILED REPORT OF DENKTASH'S INTENTIONS ON VAROSHA TO KYPRIANOU AND RAISED POINT WITH DEPUTY SRSG GORGE JULY 31. GORGE SAID KYPRIANOU HAD ELICITED DETAILS FROM GALINDO-POHL THROUGH PERSISTENT QUESTIONING. LATTER, WHO WAS ENGAGED IN HIS FIRST MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION WITH KYPRIANOU, FELT SOME OBLIGATION TO BE FORTHCOMING. HOWEVER, SRSG NEVERTHELESS BELIEVED KYPRIANOU'S LEAKING OF DETAILS WAS A SERIOUS BREACH OF CONFIDENCE AND OFFICIALLY COMPLAINED ABOUT IT. KYPRIANOU REPORTEDLY WAS APOLOGETIC, CONTENDING THAT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE HAD GONE BEYOND ITS INSTRUCTIONS IN GIVING DETAILS TO PRESS.

4. COMMENT: OBVIOUSLY PUBLIC REVELATION OF DENKTASH'S POSITIONS SERIOUSLY DAMAGES ANY REMAINING CHANCES OF SALVAGING VAROSHA PROPOSAL AS MEANS OF GETTING INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMUNAL TALKS RESUMED. IT WILL MAKE SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S POSITION EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, AND MAY HAVE DAMAGED GALINDO-POHL'S CREDIBILITY WITH TURKISH SIDE. LEAK ALSO GIVES KYPRIANOU FIRMER BASIS FOR MAINTAINING NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD VAROSHA PROPOSAL. NEVERTHELESS WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, TO TRY TO PREVENT REVELATIONS FROM TERMINATING IDEA OF USING VAROSHA AS A STARTING POINT FOR RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS AND FROM DAMAGING SRSG'S MISSION. IN OUR CONTACTS WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES WE WILL ENCOURAGE THEM TO CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE FLEXIBILITY AND TO MAINTAIN THEIR POSITION THAT DIFFERENCES ARE NEGOTIABLE. END COMMENT.
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